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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

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Announcement on the future of McCord Hospital as well as the official Opening of KING DINUZULU HOSPITAL (formerly KING GEORGE V HOSPITAL)

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The Hon KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo and the KZN Health Head of Department, Dr Sibongile Zungu cordially invites the Media for the ground-breaking announcement on the future of McCord Hospital.

McCord Hospital together with various other institutions has been beneficiary of grant funding from the Department for many years. Funding for McCord Hospital was specifically meant for support to hospital services in order to enable them assist in the provision of intern and nurse training. This intern and nurse training programme has since stopped.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health will outline the discussions held between the Department of Health, MEC for Health and members of McCord Hospital Management and its Board members. It will also outline recommendations made intended to save McCord's Hospital.

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It will also be recalled that in his State of the Province Address in 2012, the KwaZulu-Natal Premier Dr Zweli Mkhize pronounced the proposed name change of King George V Hospital to King Dinuzulu Hospital; this in honour of His Majesty, the late King Dinuzulu. Based on the pronouncement, the Department of Health embarked upon a process to take the proposed name change forward.

On the 29th of January 2013, it will be a historic moment in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal and the Department of Health, when His Majesty, King Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu is joined by the Premier Dr Zweli Mkhize, MEC for Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo and Mayor of EThekweni Municipality Cllr James Nxumalo; to officially open King Dinuzulu Hospital.

On the same day, the official opening will be preceded by the openings of Dr David Landau and Prof Fatima Meer Buildings within King Dinuzulu Hospital; in memory of the late Dr David Landau and the late Prof Fatima Meer.

Over the past years this Hospital has been the major focus of the Hospital Revitalization Programme and has been redeveloped to a tune of R1, 1 billion. The hospital now amongst other things boasts an MDR/XDR TB Unit offering specialized level of care; a TB Spinal and Thoracic Unit at Tertiary level of care; a Psychiatric Hospital at a specialized level of care; Accident and Emergency Unit; Maternity Services; Paeds OPD; Oral and Dental Training Centre; a Mortuary As well as a Security Complex. It now also oversees 14 referral clinics and serves a population of about 700,000 in its catchment areas.

Health journalists, reporters and correspondents are invited to attend and report on these events.

Date: 29 January 2013 (Tuesday)

Time: 08h30 for 09h00

- 1. Venue: King Dinuzulu Hospital (formerly King George V Hospital),**

Directions to King George V Hospital from the N3 /N2:

From N3-Turn left Jan Smut Drive, Sherwood, Mayville, turn Rippon Road, pass 4 four ways, stop join Stanley Couple drive.

From N-2 Join Umgeni road, turn to Alpine road and turn to Stanley Couple drive

There will be ONE on ONE interviews and photo opportunities.

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